

HIGH TIDINGS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE FOREST BEACH ASSOCIATION, INC.

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'92 Objectives

At its November 11th meeting, the Board adopted the following primary objectives for 1992:

1. Double current Association membership — from approximately 800 to 1,600 dues paying members.

2. Complete the transfer of assets, the strand blocks, beach accesses and roads.

3. Implement a program to improve the beach accesses both from a safety and appearance standpoint.

4. Implementation of a garbage and landscape debris removal program for members.

While the Board believes these objectives are attainable, it realizes they will take considerable time and effort on the part of many people to achieve. Any member willing to assist in these projects can simply call any of the Officers, Directors or the office and advise them which project is of interest to you.

If there is some other project you believe the Board should consider as either a primary or secondary objective for 1992, please let one of the Officers, Directors or the office hear your idea.

Quarterly Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 11, 1992, 10 A.M. at the Days Inn Conference Center on South Forest Beach Drive. Items to be covered include:

- 1992 Budget • 1992 Objectives
- Treasurer's report
- Number of meetings a year
- Garbage and landscape debris removal proposal

Please make plans now to be with us at this meeting. Coffee and donuts will be available.

Quarterly Membership Meetings Change Proposed

The Association's By-Laws call for Quarterly Membership Meetings in January, April, July and October with the October meeting considered the Annual Meeting when new Directors are elected. For the past two years, these meetings have been held at 10 A.M. on the second Saturday of the month. Before that, they had been held at 7 or 7:30 P.M. Fridays but were changed to Saturdays when some members who lived out of town said they could not get here in time for a Friday evening meeting but could for a Saturday morning meeting.

Attendance on either Fridays or Saturdays has been marginal usually running somewhere between 15 and 30 attendees. When asked why they do not regularly attend them, many people tell us it is not that they are not interested but that

everything seems to be going along OK and they don't see any need to be there.

In assessing this situation, the Board of Directors has decided to put to a vote at the January 11 meeting a suggestion that we reduce the number of membership meetings a year from 4 to 2...one in April and one in October. The Board will not make a decision on this until late January in order to give our readers an opportunity to send in their suggestions.

In addition to your suggestions about the number of meetings a year, please give your thoughts about the day and the time and anything else you think might stimulate people to attend. Please send your comments to: President, Forest Beach Association, P.O. Box 6442, Hilton Head Island, SC 29938.

1992 Officers

At the October 14th Board of Directors meeting, the following Officers were elected to serve until October 1992.

President: Rose Montgomery, '94. She is Vice President Operations of Vacation Time/Adventure Inn.

Vice President: James Paris, '93. He is a realtor with Re/Max Island Realty.

Treasurer: Rich Hughes, '93. He is the owner of Hughes Contracting and immediate past President.

Secretary: Bill Lancaster, '94. He is a local real estate broker.

Serving with the Officers are the following Board members: Frank Atkins, Jr., Peggy Evans, Alan Jackson, David MacLellan and Pamela Ovens.

Newsletter Distribution

Because of the expense involved in printing and mailing the Newsletter, the Board of Directors has determined that, for cost savings purposes, future mailings will only be made to Association members. Non members will be able to receive a copy by writing to the office and asking for a copy.

Pathways

Unfortunately, many people are under the impression the pathways running along both North and South Forest Beach Drives are for the exclusive use of bicyclist. This is not the case at all. They are there for the use and enjoyment of walkers, joggers, people pushing baby carriages and other legitimate uses of sidewalks in other sections of the country. Their primary purpose is to keep people off the streets and thus avoid potential accidents.

A member recently submitted the following common sense ideas people using these pathways should follow for the safety and pleasure of everyone:

1. Stop and look both ways before crossing any street intersection.
2. If you are walking or riding two or more abreast, give way to oncoming traffic by pulling to the right side of the pathway.
3. If approaching people from behind, give warning of your approach rather than scaring them half to death. Use a bell on your bike or call out "Hello, coming through please".
4. Ride at a reasonable speed—these are not racetracks.
5. Anticipate in advance what you will do when you see someone coming from the opposite direction.
6. Above all, be as courteous to the other fellow as you would like him to be to you.
7. Bicyclists and skaters are particularly at risk because of their speed and serious injury can occur if they don't give way.

Coligny Beach Park

The following are some of the points covered in a report by the Special Services staff to the Town Council regarding the operation of this facility in 1991.

- There was a significant increase in patronage.
 - The majority of patrons were families, church groups and civic groups.
 - A minimal amount of boisterous and rowdy behavior.
 - Most people felt the beach park provided a safe, clean area for people of all ages to enjoy the beach.
 - The parking lot averaged 112 cars a day vs 64 cars a day in 1990.
 - Parking lot revenues increased to \$54,783. from \$37,877. in 1990.
 - Parking meters produced \$30,984. vs \$18,499. in 1990.
 - 95 residential parking permits were sold vs 18 in 1990.
 - 162 annual passes were sold vs 17 in 1990.
 - 86 vehicles were towed from the Forest Beach area most of which were parked in the beach accesses or in "No Parking" areas.
- The Town's Special Services staff, who operate the park, feel the 1991 operation showed a big improvement over 1990 in all phases of the beach park operation including policing of the "No Parking" signs.
- We agree with their assessment and thank them and Town Council for this well managed and maintained facility which has had a positive effect on the image of the area.

Beach Access Inventory

As outlined in the October 1991 Newsletter and discussed at the October 12th Quarterly Membership Meeting, Directors Jackson and Paris completed a thorough inventory of each of the beach access points in the Forest Beach area and assessed their condition.

While all the beach access points throughout the area were reviewed, greater attention was given to those where the access to the beach is impeded by the rock revetment. The Board felt its first priority should be to make access reasonably easy and safe over the revetment and to then improve the existing access points both from a safety and appearance standpoint.

After their review, the Board set the following priorities for improving access points:

1. Build a walkway over the revetment at Pelican Street where none presently exists.
2. Build walkways over the revetment at Kingfisher and Lark Streets where none presently exist.
3. From both a safety of use and appearance standpoint, improve the existing walkways over the revetment at Ibis and Sandpiper Streets.

While there is considerable work to be done to draw up appropriate specifications, getting bids and examining them, etc., it is hoped work can start by late winter/early spring on what we can afford to have done.

Beach Sweep

In late September, a state wide effort to clean up debris on the beaches and river banks throughout the state was undertaken with many local residents participating. In South Carolina, this effort is coordinated by the Sea Grant Consortium, Water Resources Commission and other state agencies concerned with the environment.

Our Association was asked to sponsor teams of individuals who would be responsible for picking up debris in specified sections of the beach in the Forest Beach areas. Unfortunately, this invitation came too late for us to organize teams but many residents participated in the project on an individual basis.

The sponsors expect to conduct a Beach Sweep twice a year—once in the spring and once in the fall. Since the beach is such an important feature of our area, we

would like to sponsor a number of teams which would be responsible for sections of the beach in our area. The effort is really quite easy. What you do is walk along the part of the beach assigned to your team and pick up debris—cans, plastic packaging materials, broken glass, cigarette butts, etc.—put it in plastic bags that are supplied for the purpose and turn them in at a central point. The time it takes runs from 1 to 3 hours depending on the number of volunteers and the amount of time they will help.

Won't you please be a volunteer for the Forest Beach area? Please call the office and leave your name, address and phone number so we can contact you at the appropriate time. Many thanks for your help!

1992 Proposed Budget

The following proposed budget will be presented for adoption at the January 11, 1992 Membership Meeting:

INCOME

Dues, Donations \$69,400.00

EXPENSES

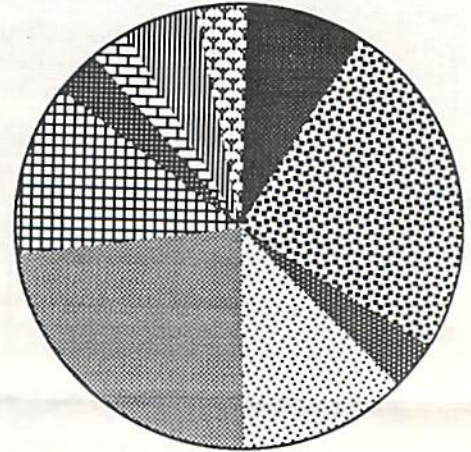
Administrative:

Architectural Review \$ 6,000.00
 Covenant Enforcement 17,500.00
 Liability Insurance on Board Members 2,500.00
 Newsletters & Meeting Notices 8,500.00
 Personnel 16,000.00
 Professional Services 8,500.00
 Telephone 2,350.00
 Rent 1,950.00

Visual Improvements:

Beach Access Identification & Construction 3,500.00
 Street Lights 2,600.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$69,400.00



■ ARB	8.6%
▣ Covenant	25.2%
▤ Insurance	3.6%
▥ Newsletters	12.2%
▦ Personnel	23.1%
▧ Services	12.2%
▨ Telephone	3.4%
▩ Rent	2.8%
▪ Beach Access ID	5.0%
▫ Street Lights	3.7%

COMMENT: Covenant enforcement, the operation of the Architectural Review Board, working with the Town, Forest Beach Public Service District and other agencies regarding physical improvements and services, and the general appearance of the Forest Beach area are the major programs demanding continuous attention and financial support. While we have made significant improvements in each of these during 1991, considerable more needs to be achieved. Funds for these programs come from voluntary dues and donations. Also, Board Members, Advisors, Committee members and other contribute important administrative and management services to these programs. WE MUST HAVE THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE AREA OR THE BOARD WILL NOT HAVE THE FUNDS NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH THE RESULTS EXPECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

1992 Dues

Despite the fact Association expenses have increased in the past year—primarily due to legal fees involved in attempting to resolve the transfer of assets and in covenants enforcement—the Board voted to maintain them at the same rate as they were in 1991, which was:

Single Family Home	\$50.
Condominium Unit	40.
Hotels per Bedroom	5.
Business/Commercial Property	50.
Residential Vacant Lot	25.
Unimproved Land per Acre	25.

Dues notices, in accordance with the above schedule, will be sent out in early January. Your prompt payment of them will be greatly appreciated as the cupboard is quite bare.

After the manner in which the transfer of assets has been resolved, the Board will review the cost of operating the Association and how those costs can be covered in a way that is fair to all property owners in the area. Until this has been resolved, the Board can only guess at what its annual costs will be. This is the main reason why any decision regarding the installation of an Annual Community Improvement Assessment has been postponed until after the transfer of assets is finalized.

Your House Address

Do you have your proper address posted on your property for identification in case of an emergency so the Fire Department, Rescue Squad or Sheriff's Department personnel can find it quickly? If you do not know your official address, please call the Town of Hilton Head Island at 681-8396 — they have it. Please remember, your lot number is not your legal address.

The Town Code provides:

Section 603.17.1: Lettering is to be not less than three (3) inches in height and one-half (1/2) inch in width and plainly visible.

Section 603.17.2: All newly dedicated streets shall be provided with street identification signs by the developer and approved by the Town Manager or his designee.

Beach Pass Cost Reduced

At its meeting immediately prior to the November 5th elections, the Town Council voted to reduce the cost of a beach pass from \$30. in 1991 to \$10. in 1992.

This is the pass residents can purchase from the Town and be allowed unlimited parking in any of the Town's beach parking lots (Coligny, Folly Field, Burke's Beach) and in the parking meter spaces at those locations. Such a modest fee should encourage all residents who go to the beach only occasionally to get a decal from the Town and not have to take a chance of parking illegally when they do go to one of the Town's beach parks.

FBA Board of Directors

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